

Program E: Elections

Program Authorization: La. Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 12; R.S. 36:661-663; R.S. 18:18-21; R.S. 18:31; R.S. 18:422-426; R.S. 18:431-436; R.S. 18:1301-1318; R.S.

18:1351-1376; R.S. 18: 1391-1397; R.S. 13:1398; R.S. 18:1400.2-1400.6; P.L. 98-435; Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; LAC 31:I.Chapter 1; LAC 31:III.Chapter 7 and Chapter 9.

Program Description

The mission of the Voter Registration Program is to advance the department's leadership position as the premier voter registration system in the nation; to afford the citizens of Louisiana more opportunities for voter registration.

The goals of the Voter Registration Program are:

1. Administer the laws governing voter registration.
2. Develop programs for the statewide voter registration system to better assist the parish registrars of voters and serve the general public.

The Voter Registration Program is responsible for prescribing rules and instructions to be applied uniformly by the parish registrars of voters; compiling and storing statistical research, political analysis, and voter trends. Parish registrars of voters register and canvass voters to ensure registration in the proper parish, ward, and precinct. The Voter Registration Program includes the following activities: Voter Registration Administration Section and Registrars of Voters Section.

- The Registration Administration Section directs, assists, and prescribes rules, regulations, forms, and instructions to be applied uniformly by each registrar of voters in the state.

- The Registrars of Voters Section registers all persons interested in becoming a registered voter and updates voter registration data. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Department of Elections and Registration is required to pay the state's share of the salaries for the registrars of voters and their employees as well as a prorated portion of the annual canvass cost. The canvass examines the validity of the addresses of record for the registered voters in Louisiana.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$12,616,306	\$13,023,480	\$13,023,480	\$18,197,636	\$17,548,897	\$4,525,417
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	1,921,728	2,194,000	2,194,000	2,194,000	2,194,000	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$14,538,034	\$15,217,480	\$15,217,480	\$20,391,636	\$19,742,897	\$4,525,417
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$1,681,028	\$1,806,743	\$1,841,343	\$1,876,909	\$1,736,125	(\$105,218)
Other Compensation	725,129	920,000	987,000	1,137,000	1,137,000	150,000
Related Benefits	384,893	422,199	677,199	694,729	373,846	(303,353)
Total Operating Expenses	4,213,882	5,153,489	5,018,839	6,265,619	5,841,789	822,950
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	7,491,811	6,872,049	6,632,299	10,398,379	10,654,137	4,021,838
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	41,291	43,000	60,800	19,000	0	(60,800)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$14,538,034	\$15,217,480	\$15,217,480	\$20,391,636	\$19,742,897	\$4,525,417
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	60	57	57	57	55	(2)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	60	57	57	57	55	(2)

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund and Fees and Self-generated Revenues. Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the local governments' share of election costs.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$13,023,480	\$15,217,480	57	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$13,023,480	\$15,217,480	57	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$26,139	\$26,139	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$21,818	\$21,818	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
(\$60,800)	(\$60,800)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$7,254)	(\$7,254)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$85,962)	(\$85,962)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$76,807)	(\$76,807)	(2)	Gubernatorial Position Reduction
\$3,828	\$3,828	0	Other Adjustments - Funding for annualized building rental per contract for headquarter building
\$5,050,055	\$5,050,055	0	Other Adjustments - Funding for cost of three statewide elections.
(\$297,980)	(\$297,980)	0	Other Adjustment - Adjustment to Group Benefits from Existing Operating Budget to Fiscal Year 2003
(\$47,620)	(\$47,620)	0	Other Adjustment - General Fund reduction for travel
\$17,548,897	\$19,742,897	55	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$17,548,897	\$19,742,897	55	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$17,548,897	\$19,742,897	55	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

OTHER CHARGES

\$10,398,379 Election expenses for Commissioners, deputy Commissioners, custodians and janitors, drayage, and other Election Day expenses

\$10,398,379 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$255,758 Office of Telecommunications Management Fees

\$255,758 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$10,654,137 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding recommended for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

\$0 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS